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SUBJECT: THAI VISIT TO HANOI

1. I HAD A BRIEF, FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH UNDER-SECRETARY ANAN PANYARCHUN LAST NIGHT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE THAI VISIT TO HANOI AND PHAN HIEN'S STOPOVER IN BANGKOK YESTERDAY.

2. ANAN SAID THAT PHAN HIEN HAD ASKED HIM WHETHER HE HAD SEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER LATELY AND EXPRESSED HIS HIGH REGARD FOR THE SECRETARY.

3. ANAN SAID THAT HE WAS GIVING THE FORTHCOMING TALKS A LOT OF THOUGHT AND THAT HE WAS MINDFUL OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE -- A POINT WHICH THE SECRETARY HAD STRESSED WHEN THEY LAST MET. HE SAID THE THAI WERE WONDERING WHAT KIND OF DECLARATIONS THE VIETNAMESE WOULD EXPECT THEM TO SUBSCRIBE TO.

4. I SAID THAT THE FOUR PRINCIPLES WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE THE MINIMUM, BUT THAT THE THAI MIGHT BE PRESSED TO GO FURTHER IN ORDER TO PROVE THEIR QTE SINCERITY UNQTE. ANAN AGREED AND SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY HIS HAND AT A THAI DRAFT. I NOTED CHEERFULLY THAT HE
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WAS ADEPT AT DRAFTING PRINCIPLES AND HAD HAD GOOD

PRACTICE ON US. ANAN SAID THAT OF COURSE ANY VIET-NAMESE PROMISES NOT TO SUPPORT THE THAI INSURGENCY WOULD BE RUBBISH BUT THAT IT WAS VERY HARD TO GET PROOF OF VIETNAMESE SUPPORT OF THE INSURGENCY. HE HAD ASKED THE MILITARY TO COME UP WITH WHAT THEY HAD AND WHAT THEY HAD WAS VERY INCONCLUSIVE.

5. I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT ANAN IS VERY MINDFUL OF THE MANY DIFFICULTIES THE THAI WILL FACE WHEN THEY TANGLE WITH HANOI AND THAT HE IS APPROACHING THESE TALKS VERY PRUDENTLY.

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